

CLAIMS

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1.
(a)

An animal toy, including
a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber
core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected
compressible gaseous volume and including a center, an outer
surface, a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center;

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(b)

a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;

(c)

at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer
surface as a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at
a least two areas, one on either side of said strip of material.

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(a)

An animal toy, including
a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber
core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected
compressible gaseous volume and including

(i) a center,

(ii) an outer surface,

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(iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,

(iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the
center, and

(v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending
completely through said core;

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(b)

a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.

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(a)

An animal toy, including
a compressibly elastically deformable thin-walled hollow
symmetrical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing
a selected compressible gaseous volume and including

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- (i) a center,
 - (ii) an outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center; and,
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- (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
- said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce
- (i) along a straight line, and
 - (ii) such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to bounce.
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4. An animal toy, including

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- (a) a compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including
- (i) a center,
 - (ii) an outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
 - (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely through said core, said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,
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- (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and,
 - (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be grasped to throw the toy.
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5. An animal toy, including

- (a) a compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber

core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including

- (i) a center,
- (ii) an outer surface,
- (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
- (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,

said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,

- (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.

6. An animal toy, including

- (a) an elongate compressibly, elastically deformable bendable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including
 - (i) a center,
 - (ii) an outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,

said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,

- (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.